(b) Out of four deaths mentioned above, one was due to mis-handling of explosives.

(c) Compensation is paid under the Workmens' Compensation Act, 1923 which is administered by the State Govts/UTs. Information in this regard is not maintained.

(d) Provisions for safety, health and welfare of workers employed in the mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952 and the rules and regulations framed thereunder. These provisions are required to be complied with by the mines management.

The Director General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad and his officers enforce the statutory provisions in respect of mines safety. The Director General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to mines management from time to time for adopting safety measures. Mines are periodically inspected by the officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety. Whenever during the inspection, Officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety find conditions in mines dangerous, orders under Section 22 of the Mines Act, 1952 are issued. Prosecution cases are also filed against the management. The Delhi Admn. has also been advised to take suitable steps so that working conditions in the stone mines are improved and explosives are used in these mines in accordance with the provisions of the relevant regulations.

Closure of Radhakrishna Mills Limited, Coimbatore

1615. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the closure of Radhakrishna Mills Limited, Peelamedu, Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), with effect from August, 10, 1986;

(b) if so, what is the number of employees affected thereby;

(c) whether prior permission was taken from Government for its closure;

(d) what are the reasons for its closure;

(e) whether all the dues of the workers have been paid; if not what steps are being taken in this regard;

(f) whether it is a fact that the said Mills has defaulted in the remittance of provident fund and ESI contributions apart from other dues to be paid to the workers on account of gratuity to the families of deceased workers; and

(g) if so, what are the details of the dues on these accounts and what action has been taken by Governmment for their realisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu, there has been stoppage of work in the Radhakrishna Mills Limited, Coimbatore involving 1250 workers following strike by workers from 10-8-1986 over the demand relating to the payment of earned wages due to them for the month of July, 1986.

(c) and (d) There has been no announcement of closure of the mills by the management nor has it applied seeking prior permission of the State Government to close down the mill under the relevant provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

(e) to (g) According to the State Government, the management has not paid earned wages to workers for July 1986 and 9 days of August 1986 amounting approximately to Rs. 16 lakhs and their statutory dues towards

PF, ESI and gratuity for the year 1985-86 amounting to Rs. 41 lakhs, Rs 12.6 lakhs and Rs. 49 lakhs respectively. As conciliation in the matter failed, in an order passed on 3-4-1987 the State Government have advised the workmen to approach the authorities concerned under the Payment of Wages Act, the PF and ESI Acts and seek remedy in getting their dues settled, there being no case for referring the issues involved for adjudication.

Woman missing for the last one year in Shahdara

1616. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in 'The Times of India' of 24th February, 1987 captioned 'Missing for a year now';

(b) if so, what steps the Farsh Bazar, Shahdara, police station has taken to trace the missing woman;

(c) whether it s a fact that the husband and in-laws of the missing woman have not taken any interest in this matter and police have failed to take any action against them; and

(d) if so, whether any steps are being taken to question the husband and in-laws in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Immediately on registration of the case on 1st March, 1986 wireless messages were flashed to all Superintendents of Police in India and Station House Officers in Delhi giving the description of the missing woman. Her description was also broadcast over All India Radio and over Television.

The husband and in-laws of the missing woman were interrogated and they were put to the lie detector test. A search for her was also conducted at various places. No evidence against her husband or the in-laws has come to light. They are on anticipatory bail from the court.

Harassment of people by Delhi Policemen

1617. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in 'The Statesman' dated the 12th April, 1987 regarding the harassment, humiliation and uncivilised behaviour meted out to the unsuspecting and law abiding people returning home late at night by the Delhi policemen to extract money;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what is the outcome thereof stating the measures taken by Government to ensure that respectable and law abiding citizens are not unduly harassed and humiliated by the Delhi policemen in future besides taking suitable action against the policemen found indulging in such practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

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